



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 4

Meeting Date: June 11, 2007

Meeting Location: Allen Co. DCS

Council Members Present: Steve Scott, Jan Lung, Judge Kramer, Mary Southern, Michele Savieo.

Others In Attendance: Sue Romans (Noble DCS), Jeff Schumacher, Kevin Fiechter, (Gateway Woods), Jenny Tsakkos (Wells DCS), Rachel Tobin-Smith, Marty Temple (SCAN), Allison Creekmore (Valle Vista Health System), Ronnie Greenberg, Amanda Fall (Women's Bureau)

Council Members Absent: Rex McFarren, Judge Heuer, Judge Pratt, Sheila Romano, Jan Vogleman, Kelly Moorman.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 4:15 pm

1. Attendees introduced themselves
2. Minutes from the April 9, 2006 meeting were read and accepted.
3. SCAN representatives presented the statistics for the Community Partners. It was discussed that local offices should consider lowering the Kempf scores. Referral have slowed and it was felt that now that school was out there needed to be a broadening of a referral base to ensure participation. Local offices will be polled about their scores and referral sources.
4. New legislation was reviewed. Discussion of SB 328, SB 329, SB 330, SB 191, SB 311, SB 534, HB 1264, HB 1266, HB 1406, HB 1503, HB 1778. There was also discussion on how SB 501 might affect staffing levels.
5. There was discussion about legislation that allows DCS to add another 400 new FCMs plus 125 replacement FCMs. It was explained that DCS now had staff attorneys covering every county except Lagrange and Steuben. We are looking for attorneys for those counties.
6. Noble County presented a MOA to cover a new program called Dynamic Dads. Noble Director, Sue Romans and Kevin Fiechter explained the program. The vote was unanimous.

7. There was discussion on the progress of Practice Reform. Training has started. Staff will be trained through September in Teaming and Engaging. Training in Assessing will follow shortly after that.
8. Information from each county was presented to show how money from the Child Welfare Account has been spent in the previous quarter. This was for services that do not fall under a MOA.
9. Ronnie Greenberg and Amanda Fall explained the Transitions Program that is operated by the Ft Wayne Women's Bureau. Transitions is a residential program for addicted women with children. It is open to the entire state.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting is set for 9-10-07 at the Whitley Co. DCS at 4:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Scott